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As an Enrolled Piscataway Conoy Tribal Member, I am writing in opposition to the proposed land donation to "the Official Piscataway Conoy Tribe." While land donations and returns to the tribe are a welcome and long overdue gesture, the circumstances surrounding this specific proposal are deeply troubling. The organization in question does not represent our tribe, let alone has much engagement among the broader tribal community. Its public face, Mr. Francis Gray, is currently involved in legal proceedings for misrepresenting himself as tribal chair for years. This is an ongoing issue that should, at the very least, prompt a pause and re-evaluation before any irreversible decisions are made. It is particularly alarming that this donation is being fast-tracked shortly after the eviction of the Cedarville Band, who maintained a presence on this site for over 40 years. This timeline has raised several questions: What changed? Why this site? Why now? Like many, I want to see our ancestral lands returned. But this must be done in a way that centers legitimacy, accountability, and the actual involvement of our people, not those who have undermined our governance and fractured our community. If the County's intention is to contribute meaningfully to the wellbeing of the Piscataway Conoy people, then it must engage in an open and honest process—one that

involves all of the tribal community, includes meaningful consultation, and respects active legal challenges. Without that, this gesture feels more like a political transaction than an act of community aid.

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